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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BAZAN ET AL.

Examiner

Camie S. Thompson

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Amendment filed August 21, 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 4,5,12-15,18 and 19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 4-5, 12-15, 18-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's amendment and accompanying remarks filed August 21, 2006 are acknowledged.
2. Examiner acknowledges amended claims 13 and 14.
3. Examiner acknowledges cancelled claims 1-3, 6-11 and 16-17.
4. Examiner acknowledges newly added claims 18-19.
5. The rejection of claims 1, 6-8, 10-11 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kita et al., U.S. Patent Number 6,656,608 is moot due to applicant's cancellation of claims 1, 6-8, 10-11 and 16.
6. The rejection of claims 1, 3 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kita et al., U.S. Patent Number 6,656,608 is moot due to applicant's cancellation of claims 1, 3 and 9.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

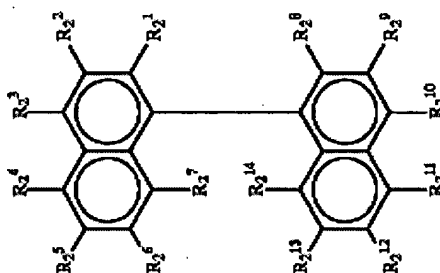
A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

8. Claims 4-5, 12-15 and 18-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Toguchi et al., U.S. Patent Number 6,582,837.

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Toguchi discloses an organic electroluminescence device having one or more organic thin layers including a luminescent layer between an anode and a cathode wherein at least one of the organic thin layers includes a binaphthyl compound such as



The reference reads on the instant claims when R_2^1 to R_2^{14} represents hydrogen, a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group, an aromatic hydrocarbon and aromatic heterocycle (see column 11, line 20-column 12, line 54). The figures in the reference disclose an electron transporting layer (hole blocking layer) sandwiched between the luminescent layer and the cathode. The Toguchi reference reads on instant claims 4-5 when R_2^1 and R_2^8 of the reference are alkoxy groups (or hydrogen for instant claims 18-19) and n^1 and n^2 of the instant claims are zero and Ar^1 and Ar^2 are an aromatic hydrocarbon.


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Response to Arguments

9. Applicant's arguments with respect to the instant claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Camie S. Thompson whose telephone number is (571) 272-1530. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena L Dye, can be reached at (571) 272-3186. The fax phone number for the Group is 571-273-8300.

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